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1. The protection of the southwest frontier of Czechoslovakia (the ZPU plan) is the responsibility of Gen. Klapalek, Commander of the 1st Military District, but Gen. Drgac, Czechoslovak Chief of Staff, is personally interested in this problem and has intervened many times since he took over his duties in 1948.
2. Changes are always being made in the location of units involved in the ZPU plan, and in the summer of 1949 the operations branch of the General Staff worked hectically on revisions of the plan. In addition, a new general mobilization plan was drawn up and units in Moravia and Slovakia, not directly involved in ZPU, were shifted. As a result, the following changes were made:
3. I Army Corps Headquarters are at Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad - N51/P69), the advanced echelon having been transferred there in May 1949, the remainder in August.
  - a. Headquarters of the 12th Division are at Litomerice (Leitmeritz - N51/F53).
  - b. Regimental Headquarters of the 2nd Infantry Regiment and the 1st and 2nd Battalions are at Podborany (Podersam - N51/L09).
  - c. The 46th Infantry Battalion's home station is at Sokolovo (formerly Falkenau - N51/P58), but several field units and the NCO School were transferred to the As (Asch - N51/P18) region.
  - d. The 14th Field Artillery Regiment is at Dvory (Hofen - N51/P58) near Karlovy Vary. The 1st Battalion is at Cheb (Eger - N51/P37).
4. Headquarters of the II Army Corps have been at Tabor (050/M01) since September 1949, but may be transferred to Bechyne Castle at Bechyne (050/Q89). The 1st Division is at Ceske Budejovice (049/Q96).
5. The headquarters of the III Army Corps are still at Pilsen (N50/L04), no changes having been made, but shifts were made in two of the units assigned to it.
  - a. The 2nd Mountain Infantry Brigade was redesignated the 4th Infantry Division in January 1950. Its headquarters are at Susice (Schüttenhofen - N50/Q28), having moved from Pisek (N50/Q69) in the summer of 1948.

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- b. The 11th Infantry Regiment of the 11th Division moved its headquarters along with the 1st and 2nd Battalions, from Pisek to Pilsen. The 3rd Battalion was transferred from Pisek to Strasnice (050/L88). Two large barracks in Pisek were thus made vacant.
- 6. The 304th, 310th, and 320th Artillery Battalions have been moved to Tabor. They are all 1st Army units.
- 7. The 1st Tank Regiment has been brought up to strength with 180 PZ-4 tanks and is divided into 10 companies of 18 tanks each.
- 8. The following units are assigned to ZPU in reserve:
  - a. The 5th Mtz Division is still in Prague (051/L78).
  - b. The 8th Mtz Division is at Kolin (051/M 38).
  - c. The 14th Division is reported to have been transferred from Mlada Boleslav (Jungbunzlau - 051/G02) to the Rokycany (Rokitzan - N50/L24) area south of Pribram because the move of the 4th Division (formerly 2nd Mountain Infantry Brigade) would have left a gap in the Rokycany-Pribram area.
- 9. The ZPU envisages a defense line of approximately 450 kms, with each of 7 corps defending a sector about 60 kms long, but it is estimated that the present strength is three corps. The Sumava region, because of its difficult terrain, can be defended by only three corps. Centers of resistance, rather than a continuous defense line, will be used to defend this area.

Attachment: Map showing location of army units along the southwest frontier.

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